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#### JURY REFORM.

THE jury reform movement in the United States has been directed toward getting the selection of jury lists out of White Pass and Yukon Route is esthe hands of partisan officials and toward making them tablishing a town on Bonanza creek, more nearly representative of the masses. Formerly, in most of near James' discovery, which it is bethe States, the jury lists were made up by officials who had been lieved will be a rival of the town of chosen on party tickets—usually by the county sheriffs. In some of the States the lists were made up from the tax payers. The goods on the American side of the first named method frequently made juries parts of po-line. litical machines. The other method made them representative of the property owning class only.

Frequently people here and there urge that all the names of those who voted at a previous election within the county or the district from which the jury is to be drawn should be placed on the jury list, and that the jurors should be drawn from this around work in small boarding house. list. That method, however, has been generally discarded as im- Phone 432, Douglas. Corbet Boarding practicable, for the reason that there are many people who are House qualified to vote who are excluded from jury service for reasons that have been deemed sufficient; or they have been given the sewing, work can be done at home. P. right to claim exemption, and, usually, one who has that right ex- O. Box 632. Give phone number. 17th ercises it. For instance, lawyers, doctors, ministers of the gospel, firemen, all public officials, those who have served on a jury ply Labor Department, Alaska-Gastinwithin the year, men over 60 years of age, and all those suffering eau Co. of physical affliction that would endanger them or those whom they FOR RENT-Furished rooms and associate with in the jury room or jury box, or interfere with apartments, either single or ensuite their making good jurors, are either disqualified or given the for housekeeping. Apply at office, No. right of exemption. Now and again the names of those who have 1, Hogan's Flats. Phone 2-0-9. 11-11-tf been bound over for grand jury investigation appear on the poll FOR RENT-Masquerade costumes books. The poll books also contain the names of many persons or suits made to order. Mrs. Schwartzwho remove their places of residence from within the jurisdic-enberg. Douglas Island. tion of the court before the time comes to draw a jury.

It would not be in the interest of jury reform to have a for housekeeping; bath. Apply to lot of people drawn on the jury and brought to the court Kendrick Paint Shop. house at the expense of the community only to discover that they FOR SALE-Two good pool tables are disqualified to serve. It would not only entail a large cost to and bowling alley. Enquire at the the taxpayers but it would permit an officer of the court to pick too Germania saloon. many jurors on an open venire. It would bring us back to the FOR SALE-Restaurant, bakery and one man method of selection.

To meet this situation fairly, jury reformers hit upon the a reasonable price. Apply John W. plan of non-partisan jury commissioners which are required to Blase, Tenakee Hot Springs. 2-9-12t. select lists of men who are qualified to serve as jurors sufficiently FOR SALE-Cheap, for cash, the large and so completely representative of all the people that a Owi Cafe, 396 Front street, Long satisfactory jury may be secured from it. They use the poll lease, low rent, a money maker. Apbooks rather than tax lists to get names. That plan has been adopted in many states, including those of the Pacific coast.

This is the plan that was adopted by Congress in preparing launch, 38 x 10, with good accommothe Alaska law. The law requires that the list selected in this manner in Alaska must contain not less than 300 names.

As it applies to the Fist Judicial Division of this Territory, two such lists are made up each year—one for the Juneau or north end of the Division, and one for the Ketchikan, or south end of Mr. J. Sumpf is organizing a violin the Division. That means that at least 600 names have to be class. All those wishing instructions selected. When one takes into account that the total vote cast mandolin and guitar. in the last Territorial election in the First Division was 1947not 5,000—it means that a representative percentage of the vot-ers must be included on the lists. It might be that the time has come that the minimum, for the north end of the Division at hospital. least, could be increased, but that is a matter of detail. The last Alice M. Jordison, teacher of mando jury list for this Division, did, as a matter of fact, it is said, con- lin. guitar and banjo; studio 5 and 6 tain 360 names.

Those who continue to urge that the names of all the electors be included on the jury lists have suggested several ways of ROYAL FRUIT CO., SEWARD ST. surmounting the difficulties that confront it. Some of them have Free delivery. Phone 280. been tried. For instance, (1) they suggest that the qualifications of a man to serve as a juror may be ascertained when he VALDEZ HAND LAUNDRY-Flanregisters as a voter; (2) that juries twice as large as are needed 2. Mrs. H. Sharts and Dan Barlow. be selected, and that a qualified jury be selected by the process 1.19-tf. of elimination; (3) that when the panel is exhausted that the names of veniremen be drawn from the jury list, and that that the St. George House, formerly the process be continued until a sufficient number of qualified jurors Simpson hospital. are selected.

However, thus far, nearly all of the States that have taken up the matter of jury reform have followed the system of selecting a large list of qualified men by a non-partisan jury commission from the poll lists.

There are two notable things connected with the showing made by the Juneau City Council's financial report that should not escape attention: A progressive administration was called upon to expend only \$179 for the health department and less than \$500 was expended for the care of the poor. Better evidence of the healthfulness and prosperity of Juneau could not be offered.

#### THAT FAIR EXHIBIT.

T BEHOOVES the people of Alaska to start work to secure additional funds from Congress for an adequate exhibit at the San Francisco fair. It the Federal government desires to get a fair run for the money that it is about to expend in this Territory in the construction of railroads it should not miss the chance that the Panama-Pacific Exposition affords for informing the world of the resources of the North. For that reason, if for no other, it should not be a difficult matter to get Congress to gather and maintain at San Francisco a fair exhibit of its resources and other claims to the interest of the public. The Alaska commission had \$100,000 to use for its exhibit at Seattle. It should have more for San Francisco.

That Palmer, Penrose, Pinchot Senatorial contest in Pennsylvania will occupy a great deal of the political stage this year.

GLEANINGS OF THE GREAT NORTHERN EMPIRE

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